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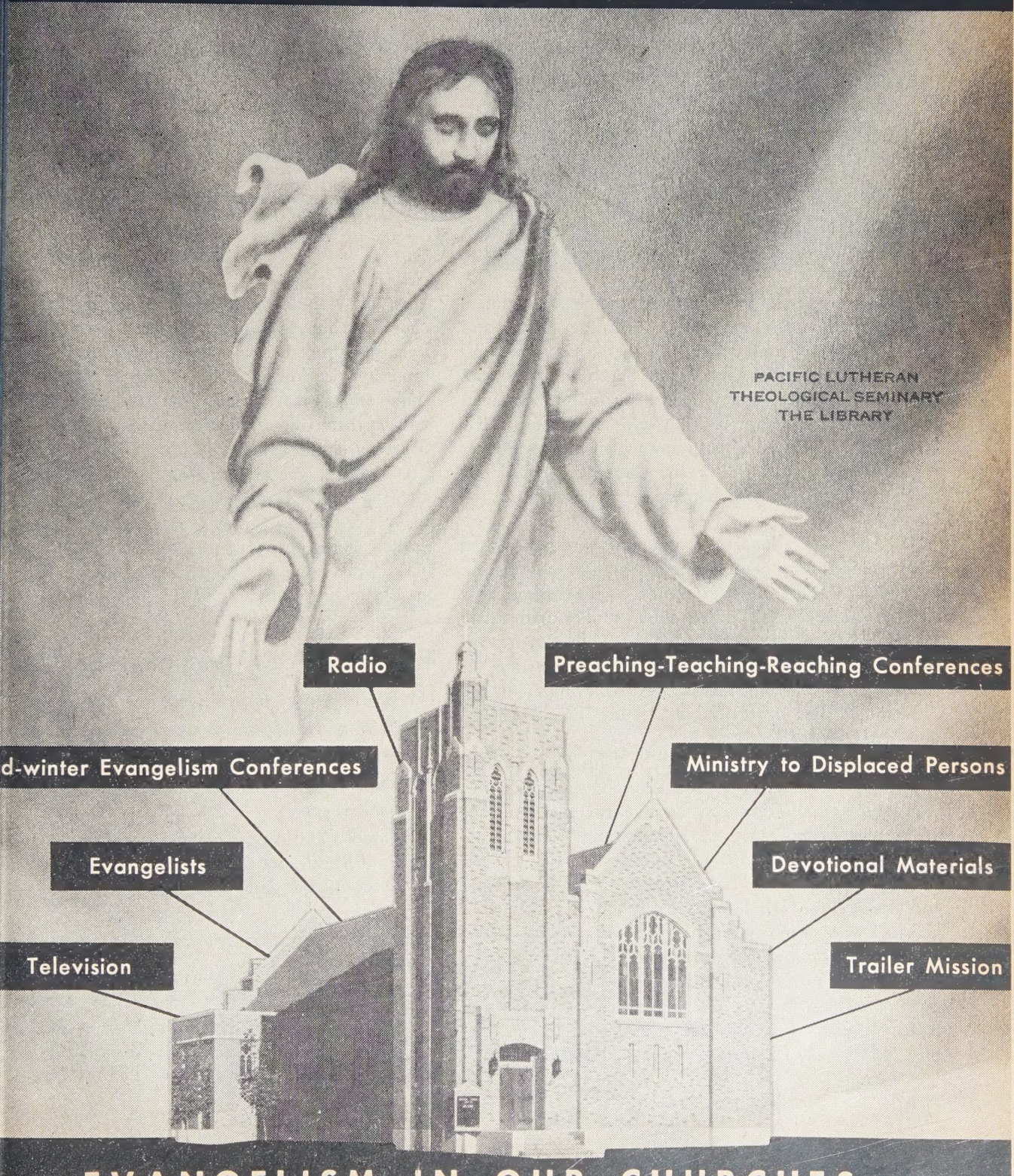

EVANGELISM IN OUR CHURCHES

Mid-Winter Evangelism Conference

JANUARY 20-24

The setting for the conference which was held in 1951 at the apolis Armory.

Almost a tradition now—pastors, church councilmen, women, and youth have been boarding trains and buses in January from all corners of the Church to attend the Evangelism Conference. Seven previous conferences are now history. Their spiritual mark upon the Church can never be fully estimated, but it has been great. The warm reception which Evangelism is receiving in every corner of the Church is partial evidence of the impact these conferences have made on the Church.

Another inspirational and practical program, based on the challenging theme, "The Living Church Marches On," awaits everyone who comes to the Minneapolis Armory January 20-24. The Bible studies will relate the life of the early Christian Church with the present-day Church. Other topics for the morning sessions include: "A Repentant Church," "A Believing Church," "Baptism," "The Lord's Supper," and "The Proclamation of the Word."

"Evangelism through Prayer," "Christian Fellowship," and "The Unity of the Church" are intriguing afternoon hours. Topics on Evangelism and its place in foreign missions, in the local community, and to the individual will be followed by group discussions. Each evening Pastor Agnar Tanner, formerly of Eau Claire and now of the Division of Evangelism, will bring the messages. Practical, down-to-earth workshops, geared to the needs of our congregations, are planned for the supper hours. Sunday afternoon and evening, January 24, will witness a vast army of church workers—deacons, trustees, S school teachers, organizational and congregation ficers, marching to the Armory to participate in important session entitled, "Like a Mighty A Choirs and a great Choral Union of hundreds of will lift their voices in praise of God. You can't to miss a single session.

It is the prayer of the Division of Evangelism our Mid-Winter Conference will help ready our C for a spiritual awakening. As the spiritual fir kindled anew, an awakening will come. We cha you to pray, plan, and prepare to attend the Conf on Evangelism January 20-24.

Things Your Congregation Can Do

(1) Begin to pray fervently for the Conference.
(2) Read and study the Book of Acts in prepara
(3) Help and encourage your pastor to attend.
(4) Encourage the congregation and organizatio send delegates.
(5) Circuits and congregations (within a 200-mile us of Minneapolis) arrange for car and bus car to attend the daily sessions.

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his Is vangelism's Hour

Agnar Tanner

stianity is primarily a Gospel message. It is a age that tells certain beliefs about God, the world, man. It is a creative force in the human heart. one has said that the common failure even of the ch is to put the human response first and thus of Christianity primarily as a religion. The Gos- the "good news" that God was in Christ to change le's hatred of Him into love. Evangelism is the g of this marvelous truth to all people. But this ot be done unless Christ is the center of our mes- "We proclaim not ourselves but Christ."

is fact is likely to be forgotten, with the result the very word *Evangelism* puts a person on the sive. We are prone to think that to tell people t Christ really means that we indicate to them how we are, how far we have come along in the stian experience; and so, who am I to evangelize, ll the story? What a mistaken notion this is! If I d a good doctor who with his counsel and aids d me when I was sick, I would not talk about my- in telling about it, but about my physician. In a I become the herald-evangel of good news for people who are sick. Christ can do wonderful s for people. If we are convinced of that fact, then ave begun to catch the spirit of Evangelism.

e title of this little piece is, therefore, not a state- for effect but a statement of fact. People want ar this startling news about Christ. Even though seem indifferent to this news, they actually are ng to hear it. Therefore, this is Evangelism's hour hree reasons.

the hour of opportunity for the Church and the l. Everything that deeply troubles people—and les are legion—is dealt with effectively by Jesus. e is a lot of trouble in people's lives; it is therefore e of great opportunity to tell people where to go ving help. Our church people seem to be so lethargic when it comes to sharing the "good news" of salvation in Christ with those who are in trouble. This is Evangelism's hour.

This is Evangelism's hour, too, because the world's need is so great. People want help. The world is not enjoying its hour of anguish. People are not happy in their guilt, fear, and uncertainty. One word seems to express and tower over all other thoughts and feelings these days—the word help. Who can help us? That is a universal cry. Helped people know the answer. This is Evangelism's hour.

This is Evangelism's hour because men's hearts have never been more hungry for that which only Christ can give. It is true that people do not desire Christ, but they deeply long for peace, hope, and joy. Confused and frustrated as they are in their search, they end up seeking these things in themselves; and the result is like drinking salt water, it never satisfies. We must tell these people, these who desire so much these inner spiritual experiences, that when you trust Christ and claim Him as Savior and Lord, joy will follow. This is Evangelism's hour. Men's hearts are paralyzed by fear. It is the hour for the Christian to say to the "lost," "Let not your heart be troubled . . . believe in Jesus Christ."

There is another vital reason why this is Evangelism's hour. The Church is in the world, and she has as her only mission to proclaim the evangel. If everyone in the world knew the message about Christ, there would be no critical hour for Evangelism. Millions do not know Him. The procession of non-Christians is long and massive. Many of them are members of our churches. Others live within hearing distance of our church bells. We see them every day in our contacts. Every Christian is obligated before God to "bring Christ to people and people to Christ." "Ye shall be my witnesses," says Christ. Evangelism's hour will be effectively met in our congregations when our Christian people become "gossipers of the Gospel." If we fail in this critical hour, the burden of failure will belong to the congregations whose light remained hidden "under a bushel."

There has always been in the Church the sadly mistaken notion that Evangelism is the copyright of a high-powered, nationally-known evangelist. Certainly he can tell the story and has his place in God's economy. But

we, as followers of Christ who have experienced His love and forgiveness, which has given new joy and meaning to life, do not need the services of a deputized evangelist in order that we might share it with others. Do you remember when you discovered that you loved your wife and that she loved you? Did you decide to employ a specialist in the matter of falling in love to announce this fact to each interested party? Everyone who is loved and who loves is a specialist. Evangelism's hour must be met primarily in the local congregation, by the people and the pastor. The Christian has no choice but to witness of personal encounters with Jesus Christ.

The Division of Evangelism seeks, under Go quicken the awareness that the Church's real Eva ism mission will be fulfilled only within the confi the local congregation. Evangelism is the task o whole Church. It is congregation-centered. Chris established the local church to be the context fo proclamation of the Word. God, then, works in through His Church to deepen the spiritual li believers and to reach the unreached for Christ.

This is Evangelism's hour, when every Christian be mobilized to "build up the Body of Christ Jerusalem, in all Judea, Samaria, and to the utte parts of the world."

Local Congregations Need Help!

"Just what do you expect from these special services?" asked one of our evangelists as he was visiting with a pastor of a congregation where evangelistic meetings were scheduled for the near future. After a moment's hesitation, the pastor said, "The Christians in my congregation need to be refreshed. I pray that God may call each one, including my leaders, to fuller consecration to Christ. Then there are many who come to my church who do not really know where they stand. They lack assurance of salvation. Some have been resisting Christ. I pray that God may lead these friends to a real experience of salvation in Christ in their lives."

He continued, "I want you to meet with my church council and the officers of my organizations to challenge them with the real work of the Church. I want you to meet with my young people to face them especially with what it means to live for Christ; and, if possible, I would like you to have separate meetings with my men and women to discuss the spiritual problems in the American home today." "Then, of course," he added, "for our regular evening sessions, I pray that we may also bring in those who have become careless about their church and those who never attend. We want to reach our community."

The evangelist was happy to see the vision tha pastor had concerning the possibilities of such a and replied, "That's a big order. Only God can d work. The secret now is to be much in prayer tha Holy Spirit may truly be let loose in our midst." pastor said further, "I have talked to many of people personally. From the pulpit they have my voice week after week. Now I believe God ca you, a strange voice, both in personal soul-win and in preaching, to reach many hearts for Chr will be working right by your side. I am not t to get out of work, but *I need help*. I pray that may use your visit to raise the spiritual level o people."

God is using the preaching evangelists of our Ch to bring such seasons of spiritual refreshing to congregations. Souls are brought to a real exper of sin and grace as they claim the promises of salv in Christ their Savior. Christians rededicate their ta time, and money afresh to Christ at the foot o cross. Individuals pledge themselves to a deeper of the Bible. Groups resolve to do more studying o Bible as a part of their program. The midweek se

OUR PREACHING EVANGELISTS

The Rev. H. O. Egertson

The Rev. T. W. Tysdal

Mr. Dar Roa

Mr. Allen Lee

s on new momentum. Parish Evangelism receives impetus as Christians become more concerned for r neighbors. Missionary work at home and abroad ses down on individual hearts with new weight meaning.

his program does not mean that our regular pastors not doing their jobs well. The real work of Evan- m is done from week to week in the regular pro- n of the congregation. But our pastors need help! at blessing comes from intensification of effort in ecial week of services. Greater concentration on the d in such a series day after day does something the whole congregation.

ch a series of meetings is not for just a select few pecially interested people, but more and more the regation as a whole is entering into the program. ideal arrangement is to have a committee consisting he chairmen of the Board of Deacons and Board Trustees, the Sunday school superintendent, the tor of music, the presidents of all organizations in congregation, together with the pastor, to meet at two months before the series of meetings to arrange program of prayer and publicity. Then the entire regation and all its organizations will feel that this part of their program, too. Prayer is the key to real aration for such a series. If Christians really become lened to pray individually and in groups weeks re the meetings begin, it makes a tremendous dif- ice. Plans for systematic publicity in connection these meetings inside the congregation, in neigh- g churches, and in the community make a great rence in the attendance.

Evangelical Lutheran Church has been out in for years in Preaching Evangelism. Under the ices of our Board of Home Missions, evangelists alled and supported officially by the Church. This ram has been a tremendous blessing over the years. thank God for our Church, which officially calls, orts, and encourages full-time preaching evangelists part of its program. We thank God for our evan- s. Pray for them daily! Follow them in their busy lules with your prayers. More man power is ed! Many more invitations are received than can cepted. Our Church can use more evangelists.

is is the day for Evangelism. Atomic scientists tell at it is now two minutes to twelve and that our zation is in a time of great crisis. The doors are open! Today our Church must hear afresh the s of the prophet, *Put ye in the sickle, for the st is ripe. . . . Multitudes, multitudes in the valley cision* (Joel 3:13-14).

That the Word May "Speed On and Triumph"

Speaking of his aims as a servant of Christ, the apostle Paul says, "Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may *speed on* and *triumph"* (II Thes. 3:1. RSV). We believe this expresses the purpose of our Church in its program of Evangelism today. Evangelism is simply proclaiming the Word. But it has in it an urgency and intensity—a "speeding up" and greater "triumph" of the proclamation of Law and Gospel. Witness the concern about that which is fundamental; witness the participation of both clergy and laity; witness the use of new methods which befit the times.

The Word of the Lord is God's power active in this Evangelism. Therefore, we thank God for the weak faiths that have been strengthened and for the unbelieving who have been brought to faith in Christ. We thank God for the church—our Evangelical Lutheran Church—which so generously endows and supports this program.

We are grateful to God, also, for the consecrated leadership He has given us. We appreciate the vision and zeal of Pastor Conrad M. Thompson, our director of Evangelism, and the faithfulness of our staff of evangelists. We are grateful to the Board of Home Missions and its executive director, Dr. Philip S. Dybvig, for their guidance and support.

We who constitute the Commission on Evangelism appreciate the part we have in this program and are mindful of the trust you have placed in us. We covet your constant prayers as we chart the course for the future. Kindly share with us your ideas and suggestions in order that we may together advance in a God-pleasing manner. May all be to the glory of God.

COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM
O. P. Sheggeby, Chairman

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When I behold how slothful slug-a-beds
(Including me) so often miss the chance
To help a brother or complete a job,
Then I behold the boon of sleep askance.

But when I wake refreshed and find how much
Sweet sleep accelerates the weary brain,
And as the day goes on can not but see
That men are gladly met, and gone is strain,

Then I thank God for sleep and work but most
For Him who worked and died for sinners vile,
To save us all, yet calmly, firmly says,
"Come now away and take your rest awhile."

From "Christ in Our Home"

What the P-T-R Conference Means

To Me as a Pastor

M. P. Lutness

Each Sunday and often during the week I have confessed the Apostles' Creed and stated the words, "the Communion of Saints," and I have realized that the Church is composed of many believers. However, worshipping with the congregations throughout a Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Evangelism week has broadened my personal contact and understanding of these words. Then, too, it is a great privilege as a guest pastor to meet with brother pastors in their home congregations. An added depth of fellowship was received I had not fully comprehended before. It is a joyful experience to find souls hungering for the Gospel and rejoicing in the message of salvation wherever you go. It has matured my faith in many ways, and I am even more in awe of the grace of God and His salvation in Jesus Christ.

God has chosen men of stature to lead us in this movement of Evangelism, is using their talents mightily in the inspiration of both congregations and pastors. Their compassion for souls and their sincere desire to serve in God's Kingdom have filled me with a sense of thankfulness. I know that many will join with me in thanking God for them and praying that He would bless them and that our Church may be stronger because of them.

I have sensed a feeling of inadequacy in much of the labor I have done in the congregations it is my privilege to serve. Every pastor will understand the heartache that follows such a self-examination, and I pray for guidance and wisdom in the future service. It has been an inspiration to hear of the blessings that have come to others, and indeed a challenge to confront people with the avenues in which they can express their desire and concern for God's Kingdom.

The morning Bible studies and presentations by the men in leadership and the contributions by congregations and pastors have enriched my own life and my relationship to our Lord. Then too, one cannot and prepare a series of sermons which will ex one's convictions concerning God's Kingdom wi learning and growing from this concentrated effo stating the important things of life. The disciplin such a preparation has proved to be of value to m

The Church has a wondrous message to proc and the world has an urgent need to hear this mes The P-T-R mission helps a pastor present this me and emphasizes the responsibility of each church m ber for his or her part in the great missionary Thus the mission is rooted in the nature of the Ch and is consequently vital to its program.

To the Congregation

Obed

A congregation is a segment of the great Ch which, in truth, is made up of the priesthood o lievers, which includes *all* believers. This is nev some—therefore the need for our present Evang program. God is using and blessing it.

Rebelliousness, fear, negativism, all will destroy willingness, faithfulness, and living neighborlines some of the virtues necessary in a congregation healthy program of Evangelism. With this co-ope spirit, a congregation may look forward to a nev and vigor, under the Lord, in this true-to-the-Bibl forward look the Lord gives us.

Our congregation was being prepared for the land area P-T-R Evangelism conference long b they knew it was coming. Lay people were prese the Bible study lessons in the different organiza There is nothing of magic in it. Just the true fac we all must prepare in prayer under His Word ready for His tasks.

Our congregation didn't have all its members ing. The statistics would have been, oh, so much g had this been true. There were a number, hov who willingly made the house to house survey s weeks before the conference began. In the four

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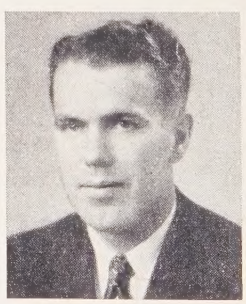


The Rev. Conrad Thompson

ich it took to complete the survey, we found the nes of 189 families interested in our church. These nes were added to our responsibility list.

r congregation has 265 families in its membership. e week preceding the P-T-R conference, our Evansm teams called on all of our members. Then, durthe week of Evangelism, we followed the suggested cedure of instructing the lay visitors at a supper eting, after which they were sent out on their calls, orting back to the church at 8 P. M. for the preachmission. Seventy-three adult members comprised lay visitors group. At the beginning of the week congregation of 265 families had a responsibility of 375 families not affiliated with a church. At the e of the week the list had increased to 535 families. ne thing is certain—"The fields are white unto vest." What accounts for the increase in that week? e is how it works: One of our families on a usual would get new names volunteered by those called n. They had friends and neighbors, too, whom they ld like to have contacted. The results of our lay tation program were astounding:

38 calls were completed, representing 397 souls.
1 adults committed themselves to joining the pastor's irer's class—adult confirmation.
0 more desired transfer of membership.
1 reaffirmed their faith.
5 children were found for baptism.
8 children were found for our Sunday school.

e first Sunday of the month following our week of ngelism was our Communion Sunday. It was the est Communion we have had, even larger than the nmunion service of the Easter season.

he regular Sunday worship attendance has increased ost 20 per cent.

he Preaching-Teaching-Reaching mission has en-ed the lives of those in each congregation who onded to the challenge of bringing Christ to their ghbor.

So many who need Him and so little time to reach n," said one. The urgency of the Gospel was proing, impelling, and motivating each day in prepaon for the calls to be made that night.

was afraid of this visitation program," said anr, "but when I began to make the calls and found nany hungering for the invitation of Christ's Church know the peace that passes understanding, I forgot fears, because I found that God had given me the ds to speak and I was getting a real thrill in reachanother soul for the Kingdom of God." *Matt. 10:20: it is not ye that speak but the Spirit of your Father ch speaketh in you.*

But there are those others, too," said one woman, o will keep haunting me because of their disdain

P-T-R CONFERENCES, 1953

(Totals given are results from eleven conferences held)

No. of Guest Pastors	320
No. of Host Pastors	219
No. of Congregations	320
Membership (Souls)	130,863
No. of Lay Visitors	6,076
No. Calls Assigned	18,034
No. of Calls Completed	14,455
No. Interviewed	35,268
No. for Pastor's Class	1,096
No. Interested in Membership	3,045
No. Reaffirmation of Faith	357
No. Children for Baptism	1,216
No. Children for Sunday School	2,267
No. in Attendance	170,543

of Christ. I can never forget them and will be more humble and constant in my prayers that the Holy Spirit may move them to see Christ and that none of my own dear ones may ever scorn their Savior." *Matt. 18:14: Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, that one of these little ones should perish."*

"The thing that seems to impress itself on us most," said one young couple, "is that when we go to the door and invite people to come and see what God can do for them by coming to our church, they see us as the representatives of Christ. Actually what we say and do are all they know of Christ. How terrible then if we should say and do the wrong thing and hurt them eternally because we do not have the fullness of Christ in us. It makes you pray more that you will always be listening to the Lord and be willing to speak what He puts into your mind and heart. It makes you humbly grateful that God called you for this important work of witnessing and keeps you on your knees at all times, figuratively speaking, that your witness may shine clear and pure for Him. You remember the poem, 'Christ has no hands but our hands'; also, 'We are the only Bible this careless world may read.'"

A young man expressed it this way: "Evangelism is the real work of the Church. If all of our people could experience the real happiness of spending time bringing another soul to Christ we wouldn't see so much waste of time and talents in the Church doing those things which are not on the priority list. It isn't enough merely to come to church and give of our means. We must be willing to give of ourselves in a very personal way in His service." *Matt. 23:23: Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and amise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.*

One woman said this, following the week of Evangelism: "I lost my fear of testifying for Christ." Isn't that the answer? If all of our people in all of our con-

gregations will hear the call of the Lord to all His "priests"—that is, to all of His people, the priesthood of believers—and be willing to be used in each congregation, not for only a week, but for a regular program of members calling on neighbors, members, and unchurched with the mission of love for Christ, then our nation and the world will be truly blessed.

Yes—we had a wonderful time as we worked in the Evangelism mission. And those who came out and gave of themselves freely are the richer for it. But we see all the more clearly because of it: *Matt. 9:37, 38: "Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."*

From Those Who Participated

As a layman on the visitation committee, I was hesitant about making my first call, as I truly felt unqualified for so great a task. That thought soon left me, however, as I was so graciously accepted by each family I visited. I found that there are many eagerly waiting for someone in the church to extend the invitation to them, to come and be one of us in the church, wo for Christ."

MRS. E. G. OLSON, Detroit Lakes, Min

One pastor writes: "Personally, I feel that our pr Evangelism program is the greatest thing [in E gelism] ever undertaken by our Church. It is uni our pastors as nothing has ever done. It is he to kindle the revival fires both in our clergy an our congregations. And finally, our people are c ing the vision of the importance of their witne bringing in souls for the Kingdom."

"I wish we at Portsmouth Trinity here in Por could properly place into words the feeling in our H —the full impact of the Evangelism mission which just been begun here. It has been such a blessing t 45 people who participated, awakening them to the challenge which we all should have accepted a long ago."

DICK ANDREWS, Portland, O

"It was a revelation to me that people are just ing for us to call and invite them to join with worship. I thought that witnessing for the Lord w be a hard and thankless job."

AL STEPHENS, Portland, Ore

Ministry to Displaced Persons

When we think of how long it took our Scandinavian and German ancestors to become full-fledged Americans, none of us can point accusing fingers at our Latvian brethren. Thousands of our new neighbors regularly attended our worship services months before they could even understand the liturgy or the sermons. Most of them were willing to join our churches immediately, knowing that their ties with their home congregations were at least temporarily broken. Just like our parents and grandparents, they too want to retain their Latvian language and culture. These ties cannot be broken immediately and should not be. Our American life has been made richer by the "melting pot" of many cultures and peoples.

The fact that some of the Displaced Persons are anxiously awaiting the day of their return to their homeland is a surprise to many Americans. They say, our parents and grandparents were not restless upon coming to this country. They were here to stay. But this kind of comparison cannot rightfully be made. Our people came here *by choice;* the DP's were victims of war and were forced to flee from their native land. They had no choice, and many still hope for the day when their country will be free from the yoke of Communist rule so they can go home to sisters and brothers, parents and friends.

But in spite of the many hardships suffered in of country, family, and possessions, they are cou ously making "a home away from home."

In order to help our Delayed Pilgrims to adjust t selves better to American church life, and in ord give them occasional worship services in their tongue, two Latvian pastors serve as evangelists in particular work. Pastor Edgars Kiploks lives in Falls and conducts visitations and services in Minn South Dakota, North Dakota, Wyoming, Neb Montana, and Colorado. Pastor Kness-Knezinskis in Oakland, California, and carries on his special mainly in California.

Oftentimes these men are called to visit the

The Rev. Edgars Kiploks

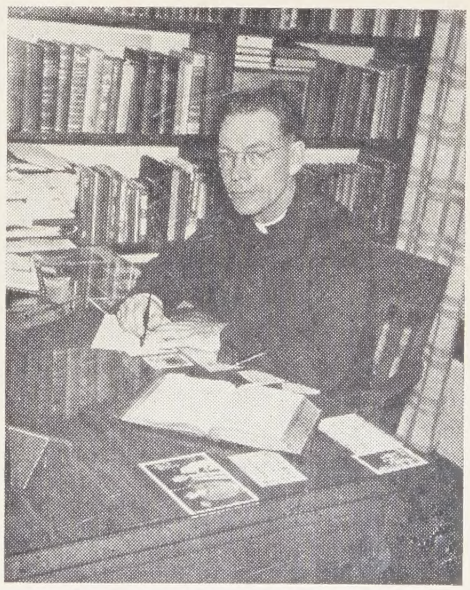
The Rev. Mr. Kness-Kne

the dying. Occasionally there is a moral or re-
stment problem. Much time is spent in gathering
ey, clothing, and reading materials for fellow-
ians still in refugee camps or in less fortunate coun-
From time to time special meetings are conducted
miliarize the people with the American Church.
hasn't been difficult because the Latvian people,
ast majority at least, have accepted our church life
out criticism and have supported it enthusiastically.
ry little literature is available to the Latvians in
country. Most of what they have is old and out-
l. Pastors Kiploks and Kness-Knezinskis have been
lating, writing, and gathering Sunday school ma-
s, devotional literature, music, and books for dis-
tion among their fellowmen. Pastor Kiploks serves
e executive committee of an organization in Amer-
ledicated to the promotion of Christian literature
e Latvian language.
e Board of Trustees underwrites the salaries of
men, but their activities are directed by the Divi-
of Evangelism.
nistering to scattered Latvians throughout a large
is not easy. When they are too far away to come
rvices our Latvian pastors call at the homes and
minister to each family individually. Single people with no relatives or friends in this country who become sick receive special attention. Because of frequent deaths in this group a mutual aid fund was established to aid with funerals. Much work is done as liaison between government, county, and welfare agencies and our Latvian people. A young man, after becoming mentally sick, was saved from deportation by our Latvian pastor. He is now well and normal. Another man lost his leg while he was a farm laborer. He spent nine months in the hospital and during that time and following he was supplied with reading materials and frequent visits, as well as by the ministry of God's Word.

Between stops at the homes of former DPs, Pastors Kiploks and Kness-Knezinskis often speak to American congregations, warning them of the dangers of Communism. Experience has been a merciless teacher. So our brethren, victims of the ravages of war across the seas, people who have lost everything and have had to start life all over again in a strange land, receive fresh courage and a better understanding of their problems and hopes as these men of God share with them the Word of Life which knows no boundary lines. All are one in Christ.

Lutheran Vespers

-hundred thousand listeners, eight radio stations,
tters per month, $43,000 yearly budget—those fig-
tell in part the magnitude of the *Lutheran Vespers*
program, now a project of the Division of Evan-
n. More than seven years ago the Rev. Harry R.
erson responded to an "urgent call of the Lord"
gin a Sunday evening broadcast. From this hum-
eginning the program has grown to eight stations
an official rating of an estimated 400,000 listeners.
ters have come from many different sections of the
ry, and from people in many walks of life. A
r from South Dakota writes: "The night you
hat God wanted all to come to Him, I thought
were speaking directly to me. From that night
now I have been living my life for Jesus. I know
am saved by grace through faith in Him. Thank
Pastor Gregerson, for telling me of God's love
sinner like me. You will never know how happy
now."
n a service man stationed in California: "I
t get *Lutheran Vespers* out here. How I wish
could listen to that broadcast again. But what
out of it has helped me to live for Christ." An-
letter from a doctor in Michigan states: *"Lutheran*
rs is one of the most dignified and sincere religious
casts on the air today." A twelve-year-old boy in Nebraska writes: "Pastor Gregerson, I have listened to you preach many times, over our radio. Our whole family listens to you. I am a better Christian now since we found *Lutheran Vespers*." A business man, responding to a definite need, writes: "It hurts, what you say,



Pastor Gregerson

but it does me a lot of good. God bless you and give you strength to continue your broadcasts."

Another letter from an elderly sick lady: "I have my radio by my bed. When you pray for the sick, it seems that God gives me strength to bear my pain. I have not got long left here in this world, but the heaven you talk about—how wonderful it must be. Yes, I trust in the Jesus you talk about. He is my Savior." A pastor in Iowa writes: "Last night my wife and I sat in our living room, at ease after the day's services and calls, quietly enjoying our radio. At nine-thirty I dialed Yankton for the *Lutheran Vespers*. We want you to know that we enjoyed and appreciated your Reformation message very much. Such preaching is the only kind that can profit the souls that are held captive in sin and strengthen those that are struggling against the manifold currents of thought that are spread in our day. So we wish to thank you for your message again. More power to you."

Pastor Gregerson is the first to admit that "faith in the living Christ" has carried the program these seven years. Though the cost of radio time and equipment amounts to more than $40,000 per year, there has been no source of income besides that of faithful listeners, who through their gifts and memorials have kept the broadcast going. There have been small and large gifts. Gifts of one dollar, five, and ten have been most frequent. But others have been large—$1,000, $1,200.

Greater than anything mentioned thus far is the fact that hundreds of people have been brought to Jesus Christ through the broadcast. Thousands have written how the Lord has blessed them through the ministry of Pastor Gregerson. All walks of life have been reached—the educator, the laborer, housewife, the sick and shut-in, people of non-Lutheran faiths. Before going to bed, a group of people in northern Canada set their alarm clocks so they may wake up to hear *Lutheran Vespers,* as it comes over their radios at a very late hour. Only eternity can reveal the many whose relationship with Jesus Christ has been made real or strengthened.

East Side Lutheran Church of Sioux Falls has encouraged their pastor, Harry R. Gregerson, to continue *Lutheran Vespers* in spite of his busy ministry in caring for the spiritual needs of more than 3,000 souls in the congregation. Because of the wide influence of *Lutheran Vespers* and the heavy burden of being both pastor and radio pastor, the Board of Home Missions, by recommendation of the Division of Evangelism, has extended to Pastor Gregerson a call to become a full-time radio evangelist in The Evangelical Lutheran Church. The call has been accepted effective in December. Pastor Gregerson's headquarters will continue in

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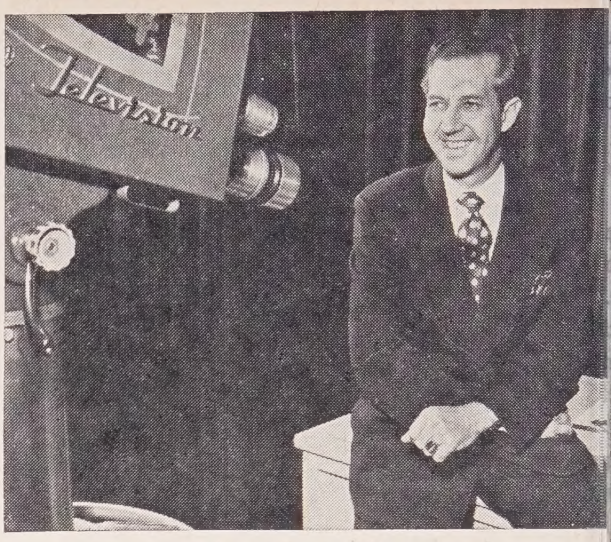
TV Reaches the Multitud



Pastor Norman Hammer

How can we get the Gospel of Jesus Christ to people by way of television? Seldom have we m problem more difficult or a challenge quite so g Figures of astronomical costs were laid before us. mates of a beginning endeavor in TV production into many thousands of dollars. A one-half hour cast recorded as a movie film and therefore avai to as many TV stations as interested, as well as dividual congregations, would cost about $12,500 Live telecasts with a few kinescope reproductions estimated at $2,500 per Sunday.

It would have been easy to say, "It is impossi But Pastor Norman Hammer, TV evangelist, wor with the Commission on Evangelism, the Departm of Home Missions, and the Department of Public lations, could not resist the call of God to bring Gospel of Jesus Christ to the American people thr this new medium. There have been many evide that God has been leading step by step in this ver of faith. The program entitled "It Happened to will tell and show how God can, through His W and Spirit of power, call men out of "darkness into marvelous light." The story of what God can do human heart will be portrayed through dramatiza music, preaching, and the reading of God's Word. telecast will confront sinners with the way of salv in Christ and do as an Evangelism definition s "to bring people to a consciousness of their sins, to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord Saviour." Bible passages will be explained and sh how they apply in everyday life. Following this, will be a personal appearance of someone who has a personal encounter with Jesus Christ.

The onward march of television cannot be stop There are 28 million TV sets in use. As more

e stations open, our people will be viewing pro-
ns which are good and bad. There is no time like
to preach the Gospel on TV.
rthermore, there is no time like now, when new
ons are opening all over the country, and when
l programs are at a premium and wanted, to offer
program, "It Happened to Me," to the television
ons. If we do not act now, the doors may be closed.

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fact, through this kind of program, The Evan-
al Lutheran Church can move into hundreds of
munities and numberless living rooms and gather
viduals and families around the Word of God,
pointing them to Christ, "The Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world."

Obviously the budget of the Division of Evangelism or of the Department of Public Relations cannot finance a development like this. We can pay the salary of our TV evangelist, but the TV production and time costs are beyond our reach. The Board of Trustees and the Board of Home Missions have, however, provided funds to launch the program in its first thirteen weeks in faith that God will open the door for future telecasts. We thank God for these initial funds. But the future of our TV venture of faith will depend upon the special gifts from viewers and interested congregations and individuals. Our readers can help assure the future of "It Happened to Me" by sending their gifts to "It Happened to Me," 605 Norton Street, Los Angeles, California.

"Behold I have set before you an open door. . . ."

vangelism Comes of Age . . .

Philip S. Dybvig

UNDER THE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM

establishment of the Commission on Evangelism
ne Board of Home Missions is one of the two great-
teps leading to advance in the field of Evangelism
ecent years. The other step was that which pre-
d it, namely the selection of a full time director of
ngelism, the first one being Dr. E. C. Reinertson,
later was succeeded by the present director, the
. Conrad M. Thompson.
nder the leadership of the Commission and its
tor, Evangelism has developed so notably in our
rch that it has suddenly become one of the most
erful forces for Kingdom extension that we have
known. Some believe that we are on the eve of a
endous spiritual awakening.
rhaps the greatest achievement of the Commission
vangelism under the able leadership of its director
been to lift Evangelism from the position of being
thing of interest and value to only a few pastors
parishes to the place which it now holds, where
a spirit rapidly pervading the entire Church with
force and vigor. In other words, the Commission
helped to make meaningful in the lives of pastors
parishes throughout the entire Church the follow-
definition: "Evangelism is winning men for Jesus
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and to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord
Savior; instructing them and sending them forth
ar witness to their faith, especially among the in-
rent, the unchurched, and the unsaved."
e real reason for establishing the Commission in
irst place was the concern of the Board of Home Missions for Evangelism. To the ten men on the Board of Home Missions has been given heavy responsibility. They are responsible under God and His Church for the entire program of Home Missions. Theirs is the responsibility, working through the district Home Mission committees, of finally deciding which areas to occupy with new congregations and theirs is the responsibility of financing and programming these new congregations. Furthermore, they have charge of the Eskimo Mission work, the Seamen's Mission work and all Home Mission work channeled through the Division

Front row, l. to r.: the Rev. Conrad Thompson, director of Evangelism; the Rev. O. P. Sheggeby, chairman of the Commission; Mr. Sidney Leean; and Dr. Lowell Satre. Back row: the Rev. A. L. Swenson; Dr. Philip S. Dybvig, advisory member; the Rev. P. E. Onstad; Dr. Oscar Hanson; and Dr. A. E. Hanson.

of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council. They have stewardship responsibility for the best Kingdom use of an annual budget of approximately $750,000 and a Church Extension Fund of over five million dollars. All of the above is in addition to their responsibility for the entire program of Evangelism.

Because of these many duties it was impossible for them to give the time and thought to Evangelism that they believed the work deserved. Therefore they established the Commission on Evangelism. In the Commission we now have a group of men devoted particularly to the study and development of this one are Home Mission work. They give much time, thou and prayer to Evangelism.

The Board of Home Missions has delegated to Commission the full responsibility of planning supervising the entire program of Evangelism.

The Commission operates on a budget which part of the total Home Mission budget supplemen by income from the field. Evangelists are nomin by the Commission and elected by the Board of H Missions.

Pray Without Stopping

Say, sinner, listen!

If you are unconcerned about God, do not pray. You probably cannot anyway. If you are not convicted that apart from Christ you cringe a condemned sinner, do not pray. If you are convinced you can take care of yourself, do not pray. If you want to face judgment on your own record, do not pray. Just be sure to be perfect, inside and out, from now on! And do not forget to atone for your past sinning and sinfulness. Figure out your own way. If you figure it out, do not pray. Call in Sir Devil. If your dream deceived you, he can use it to deceive others. He pays wages for such schemes. "The wages of sin is death."

But if you are a sorry, wretched sinner, confessing and crying to God for salvation, keep praying—and start praising! Your sins are forgiven. Rejoice! As you adore God for free forgiveness, keep praying—and start thanking. Thank God for His Christ, His Word, His Sacraments, His Church, His Spirit, your family, your friends, what health and strength you have of body and mind, your America, your world, your work—"for every perfect gift is from above." With heart all grateful, keep praying—and start interceding. That mile-long prayer list not neglect it, even if you can walk only one s block of it each day. Every one named there co on you. Remembering each, keep praying—and pleading for yourself. " have not because you not." "Whatever you as my name, I will do it," God's Son.

Say, sinner, listen! W your family, by your everywhere, for everyth in Jesus' name, without ping, pray . . . Pray! PRAY!

To assist you in pri and family prayer the I sion of Evangelism hur presents, *Christ in Home.*

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Do you know anyone has ever said, "I am than I am not like so-and- The Pharisee of our Scrip said that too. But you w never say such a thing. "I are chiselers," the Pha went on, "they are cr they are adulterers." would you ever even th "I don't do this, I don' that"? The Pharisee bragging about fasting tithing. The '54 Phar might boast either that a tither, or that he is But you are not a Phar

(From "Christ in Our Home

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7 READ REV. 3:14-22

A HAPPY HOME: WHERE JESUS IS

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if any one hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me" (v. 20)

Let us imagine that some afternoon Mother hears the door chimes. Guess who is there? Jesus! "May I come in?" He asks. Though nervous, Mother is glad to let Him in. He seems to want to stay and Mother is glad. Somehow she knows things will be better now. Soon the children wake from their napping. They find Jesus and glide into His lap. He tells them how He got so many scars and why. Later the older children come from school. They find the one time carpenter to be a first rate fixer. Finally Father comes home. He too bids Jesus welcome and suddenly his face beams. "Now I know Jesus forgives me," he thinks to himself. An hour before supper Jesus goes to His room, the guest room. At five minutes to six the littlest child knocks at His door and says, "Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest."

Sometimes homes, like churches, get lukewarm. Jesus wants to come into such places and fire them up for God. Is Christ in our home? He is if we read His Word and heed Him. And when Christ is in our home, it makes a difference. Christ makes a real father out of Dad and the best mother out of Mom. He makes happy children too. Christ in our home means a happy home. *Let us pray:*

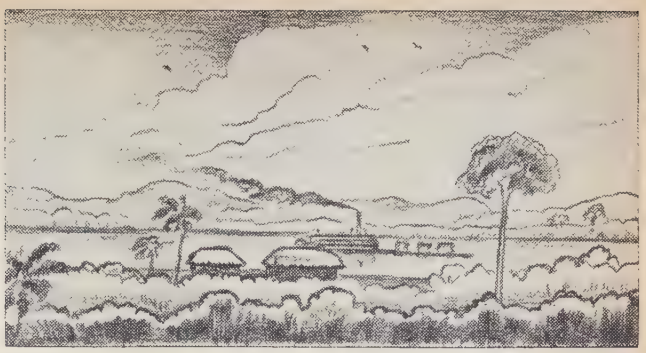
Come, Lord Jesus, be Thou our guest . . . Free prayer; include all homes . . . Our Father . . .

O happy home, where Thou art loved the dearest,
Thou loving Friend and Savior of our race.
And where among the guests there never cometh
One who can hold such high and honored place!
(Spitta)

hy Kingdom Come

F. W. Thomsen

(FOURTH IN A SERIES)



Sketch by the author

A vast wilderness, broken here and there with small villages

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n the deck early in the morning there was a view vast wilderness, broken here and there by small ges and, now and then, by a larger city. The in- tants of these river communities—and, indeed, of f Colombia—are more than 60 per cent illiterate.

it came to pass when Jesus had made an end of manding his twelve disciples, he departed thence ach and to preach in their cities.

his vast continent of which I have seen so little ls disciples, prayers, and means. If most towns and s in the United States are overchurched, which they this surely is not the case here. If the Christian rch is to be a light in this world, and the purpose Christ's coming was to establish the Kingdom of , here is work to do.

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evening of the second day we docked at Magangue two hours to load and unload people and cargo. went ashore, weaving our way through the crowd ing to get on board; there was no order—the nent the vessel docked, the gangplank was glutted embarkers and debarkers. Among those rushing et on board were hawkers with candy, cigarettes, kets, live chicken, cheese—a smelly cheese similar to ish *knapost,* but much stronger. In spite of the ng, we finally made it to shore. The city is built t on the river bank, where the booths of the market- e stand. The stench and filth that the poorer classes in is hard to describe. Of all kaleidoscopic con- nerations of filth, flies, fine fabrics, china, rich and , carts, goats, buses, donkeys, the public market is to surpass.

e were walking along and suddenly Arnfeld ped short . . . a radio was blaring loudly from a second story window. People stopped talking and listened as they sat in their little candle-lit booths or stood chatting in the street. A news broadcaster was making an appeal to the guerillas to surrender their arms to the new government leader. If they were willing, they were promised that efforts would be made to get jobs for them so that they could return to their homes and lead normal lives again. The new president, Rojas Pinilla, formerly general of the army, had taken over the government by a military coup without shedding a drop of blood, after ousting Laureano Gomez. The key words of Pinilla's platform are peace and justice. He is a Conservative and, although a Catholic, is trying hard to promote a democratic spirit in Colombia. Capus Waynick, American ambassador, suggested that Protestants in America give Pinilla a vote of confidence and also suggested the idea of prayer for the new administration.

Morck, my missionary friend, said that it is hard for a people who are not enlightened to control the freedoms of democracy. The Catholic system, which is the dominating power, is basically a dictatorial force, subjecting the people and ruling them through the priests. Although wearing gold crosses or medallions, these people live in darkness. They are suppressed and yet sense some light as their souls seek God on bended knee before cathedral altars. There are many Evangelicals or Protestants, but the first religious group to set foot in South America was Catholic. They have reached far and built thousands of churches, but they have not sought to liberate either the economy or the souls of the people.

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Sailing up the river once more we saw the blue Andes in the far distance and were reminded of the 121st Psalm:

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: He that keepeth thee will not slumber.

EDIT

Evangelis

The dictionary does not spell the word "Evangelism" with a capital "E." We do. It is true that it is actually a common noun and so should not be singled out. However, Evangelism has become a proper noun in The Evangelical Lutheran Church. Some years ago the Church created a Division of Evangelism under the Department of Home Missions and elected a commission to direct the work. This commission, in turn, calls a man who has the title of director of Evangelism. Thus, especially over the past few years, Evangelism has become as much a part of the formal working pattern of our Church as, for example, Education or Charities. In The Evangelical Lutheran Church, Evangelism is spelled with a capital "E."

That, incidentally, might not always be a blessing. On the one hand, it might tend to a feeling that Evangelism is something formal, a program which is planned from the top and then imposed upon the congregations and pastors. On the other hand, it might encourage the individual pastor and congregation to say, "Let the commission do it," as though Evangelism, with either small or capital "E," were something outside the life of the congregation.

The truth, of course, is that Evangelism *is* the life of the congregation. May we quote again our favorite definition of Evangelism, even though we have quoted it several times over the years. It came from a grand old pastor of the Church, now at home with his Lord, who once described the program of his congregation in these words (accompanied by appropriate gestures): "We," said he, "dig deeper; we spread wider." That is Evangelism. A more polished and elaborate definition may be found; a more comprehensive and accurate one can not. It places Evangelism where it belongs: at the heart of the Christian congregation which sees its twofold task to be the constant effort to deepen the spiritual life of God's children, and the constant outreach toward those of whom our Lord said, "Compel them to come in, that my house may be full."

The purpose of any formally established Division of Evangelism, therefore, must be to attempt to assist the pastor and the congregation in their efforts at Evangelism. To the degree that such a division imposes unrealistic programs or attempts to coerce a congregation into a program which is not usable by it or adopts an attitude of dictatorship, the division is worse than useless. But to the degree that it is able to hold up the arm of the pastor and the congregation, it is a success.

Some sort of formal department is, as a matter of fact, necessary. Evangelism demands evangelists, and these should be the called servants of the Church. We have always believed that the first and most important task of the Division of Evangelism is to seek out and call men who are especially qualified to go from gregation to congregation as "temporary assistants carrying out the local program of Evangelism. preach, they teach, they counsel. But such men be chosen with the greatest of care; not every Chri has the specialized "gift of an evangelist."

Further, there are special techniques of Evange After all, no pastor, no congregation, no group H monopoly on either consecration or ability. One o splendid functions of the Division of Evangelism be alert to all new ideas in the field—and perha create a few of its own. These can then be adapte our particular situations and offered to the congrega of the Church.

As we look back over the relatively few years our Division of Evangelism has been functioning marvel at what God has permitted it to accomplish. wish to stress three matters here. The first is more and more, it has been possible to attract men the field of Evangelism of exactly the type we and want. Thank God for all the wonderful evange we have had over the long years. And thank Goo those who have been coming into the work late pastor receives a call to become an evangelist an cepts it, even though his acceptance means leavi congregation of thousands of members; that has pened several times of late. Another pastor has peculiar success in using one of the special media to the Church today; the division calls him to de all his time to using that medium in the interest Evangelism, and he gladly accepts. That, too, has pened of late. Or a man has gravitated into a hi important administrative position, one which seem offer unlimited possibilities for productive usefulne the Kingdom. He accepts a call to become an evang of the Church and gladly accepts. That, too, has pened.

In the area of techniques as well, the Division made significant contributions. We shall not here cuss in detail the Preaching-Teaching-Reaching p of Evangelism; there is not a little about it elsew in this special Evangelism issue. Suffice it to say it appears to us that our Division of Evangelism developed a method which comes closer to the i of a well-rounded program of Parish Evangelism we have encountered anywhere else. During the co

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e next years, we anticipate that every congregation ıe Church will be drawn into this program with ıngs which simply cannot be estimated.

e would also like to say a few words about the great ıgelism Conferences which have become a part of church life. The editor is one of those who can easily restrain his enthusiasm for "mass gather-"; in fact he just hasn't much. What happens in humble little congregation in an inconspicuous r of the Church interests us considerably more what happens in a mass gathering of thousands. we believe that the Evangelism conferences of our ch have done and are doing something vital. Cer-y they are a unifying influence, and surely they the participants home with renewed zeal for Par-Evangelism.

l in all, the Church should humbly thank God for is being accomplished under the name of Evan-m these days. The purpose of this issue of LUTHER-HERALD is to tell the story. Read it and think about ou will probably come to the conclusion that God siting The Evangelical Lutheran Church in a spe-way these days. Thank Him for it, and make use ıe opportunities!

ıt of the future? Let's do a little dreaming. As various committees working with the matter of a ble merger of four Lutheran bodies have gotten their work, the question of Evangelism in the cted new Church has naturally come to assume proportions, and a blueprint for Evangelism in the Church is being drawn. It is a matter of consider-pride to the ELC folks who are on these commit-that our sister bodies have shown a tendency to ı rather intently to what we have to say on the ct. In fact, the section on Evangelism which will part of the report to the conventions of the four ches in 1954 was largely suggested by the ELC. hasten to add, however, that very important con-tions were made by the other groups.) It is our on that the suggested pattern will come quite to the ideal. In fact, were the merger efforts to to naught (which we do not believe they will) we d favor the adoption by our own Church of the rn for a department of Evangelism which is now proposed for the merged Church.

ngelism is separated from the regular divisions of the Church and is placed under the Church Council. There are two reasons for this recommendation. First, Evangelism is not part of any working branch; it serves them all and is the direct servant of the congregations. Secondly, the Church Council is the highest spiritual body in the pattern of the general Church, and it is logical that Evangelism should come within its purview in a special way.

A Committee on Evangelism will be chosen by the Church Council; it will consist of three members of the Church Council and two parish pastors. The Committee on Evangelism will nominate a director of Evangelism who will be elected by the Council. The actual work will be under his direction, carrying out the policies established by the committee, and with the Church Council being the highest advisory body.

In addition to the present program of the Division of Evangelism, which has come to be called "Preaching-Teaching-Reaching," two other areas, now separated from it, will be placed under its jurisdiction. First is the Book Mission. It is suggested that its name be changed to Tract Mission, as being more accurate. Since the publication and distribution of tracts is definitely Evangelism, it has been felt that this work belongs under this department.

Added to Evangelism, in the projected plan, is also "Parish Conservation," which includes two parts: Membership Transfer and Placement. At present the former is placed under the general secretary of the Church, the latter under the Brotherhood. Since both are a part of Evangelism, especially in the sense of preservation of membership, this arrangement is logical.

That, in brief, is what is being suggested. It will have to go through the fires of intense discussion in all the participating bodies. It may be changed here and there. However, we believe that it is the logical development, and we hope that it becomes the plan of the merged Church.

The various articles which make up this Evangelism issue of LUTHERAN HERALD make inspiring reading. First, last, and all the time, they emphasize what must never be forgotten: Evangelism is the spiritual program of the Church, of the congregation. The methods used are of secondary importance. The primary importance is on the attitude of the pastor and congregation. It is possible for a congregation to go on its placid way with little attention to Evangelism. It has its members; it conducts its selfish program. But it may be questioned whether such a congregation has a right to be considered the Church; certainly, its light is hidden under a bushel. Every congregation must be an evangelizing congregation. The Church must learn to spell Evangelism with a capital "E."

Tip-Toed Readiness

Harold B. Kildahl

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT
December 6, 1953
Text: Luke 12:35-40

The order of the day for Christians, every day, is readiness: tip-toed readiness. The Christian, the man of faith, lives in the great hope of Christ's return. Unhindered by "every weight of sin that does so easily beset us"; girded, which is to say, unhampered by the unessentials in the performance of Christian duty; with lights aglow, like "a city set upon a hill," the Christian is ready. He lives on tip-toe waiting for the "glory of the coming of the Lord."

And He is coming. Christ is coming. Such is the glorious promise.

It seems a long time. The Psalmist might sing of his yearning and thirsting for the courts of the Lord, and the Christian too, and yet time passes, years come and go, nations rise and fall, and generations of men are turned to dust. The time of His coming still escapes us. It may be projected far into the distant future. The day and the hour no man knoweth. But, Christians, be comforted—there is no need to pin-point a time or a place. There is no need to pick and choose a date. And what is more, there is no need to become exercised about the future glorious day. It is enough to know that He is coming and that He shall receive His own as His friends. They shall be happy indeed.

Christians! Of course we are eager for the day; of course we wait with eagneress the blessed eternal day; but is it not true that eternity will take care of itself, by the grace of God? And isn't it true that your largest concern is to live your life here and now in a state of readiness for the day that has been promised? It is a cause for spiritual sadness that there are many who are Christian in name, who at the last day will cry out, "Lord, Lord," but who in this life are not concerned about spiritual readiness.

But, surely, you are ready? You are readied by your undoubting faith in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ for your sin, for your soul. You are readied by your unyielding love of God and His Word, and your unfailing love and sacrifice for your fellowmen.

You are ready? Thank God that you are one of His own, one who lives this life on tip-toe, poised always to "fight the good fight of faith." Thank God that your light shines before men so that because of you they too glorify God. Thank God that you are faithful, loyal, yielding heart and hand to Christ and His Kingdom. Thank God for Christians who hear the order of the day—readiness: tip-toed readiness. Amen.

Discovering the Best Hom Mission Fields

Philip S. Dyb

A most promising achievement in the field of Ev gelism in recent months is the development of Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Missions. Some of results of these missions are presented elsewhere in issue. As you read the imposing statistics beware of danger of not realizing that behind the statistics people. Remember that when 14,455 completed calls reported, that means the ringing of that many d bells by that many people with entrance into that m homes to contact more than 35,000 people. Remem that when workers report 1,096 adults enrolling in pastor's confirmation class, that means actually t many people giving time and thought to the way salvation. Furthermore, when you read that 1,216 c dren were unbaptized but had parents interested having them baptized, and 2,267 enrolled in Sun school, it means more than 3,400 children brought the feet of the Master.

These Preaching-Teaching-Reaching Missions confi the suspicion that many of us have had, namely that best Home Mission fields are still to be found at doors of our established congregations. In 14,455 c the workers contacted 7,624 individuals interested adult instruction, church membership, baptism of c dren, or of having their children enrolled in Sun school. In other words, one good Kingdom prosp was contacted in every other call that was made, wh is certainly a record that cannot be surpassed in Home Mission fields.

Many pastors in Home Mission areas tell us that t make dozens of calls in the area for every home which they find some individual who is interested. many areas surrounding our newer congregations than 10 per cent of the people are interested.

In spite of this, our young congregations are growi proportionately much faster than the older ones. N we know that this is not because they have better fie but rather because they have a stronger program community outreach.

Established congregations do, however, have lar church staffs and more capable leaders in the cong gation available for an aggressive program of commu ity outreach. Through our Preaching-Teaching-Rea ing Conferences these workers are now being inspir directed, and released in a new and interesting w In other words, the Department of Evangelism awakening the entire Church to its great opportunit in the field of Evangelism in a measure heretofore li ited to only a few of the more outstanding older c gregations and the more aggressive young churches.

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11:00 11:45		Born in Baptism Erling Wold North Hollywood, Calif.	
1:30	Keynote Address The Living Church Marches On Dr. Oscar C. Hanson St. Paul, Minn.	Fervent in Prayer Ernest Gjelten Minneapolis, Minn.	AS
2:30	Holy Communion Evangelist Allen Lee Hayfield, Minn.	To Every Man in the World Missionary Gordon Ruud	T
3:00 4:00		Discussion Period	
4:00 4:30		T. W. Tysdal	
5:30 7:30	Workshop on Staffing a Congregation	Workshops for Women's Missionary Federation and Lutheran Daughters of the Reformation	
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MARCHES ON

Pastor Orrin P. Sheggeby
Chairman, Commission on Evangelism

PRAYER POWER FOR THIS HOU

Real spiritual awakening is not "worked up" but "prayed down." They prayed with one accord in that upper room and down came the Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Today only a fresh Pentecost experience will suffice. Christians need to be revived with miracle power, new drive and agonizing concern for lost souls. In this day of martyrdom for the Christian Church when civilizations collapse quickly, fearful hearts are tense, bewildered and confused.

Scientists and statesmen tell us that spiritual revival is our only hope. How is it to come? Only people that possess Christ can possess the Holy Spirit who is the key to genuine awakening. The future of America and the world rests with the church. The answer? A Holy Spirit-Pentecost experience that can turn the world upside down again. Possible? Yes, the eternal promises of God are ours! This Holy Spirit of power is here! Dawson says, "If the world is ever to get on its feet, the church must first get on its knees." Dixon says, "When we depend upon organization we get what organization can do; when we depend upon man, we get what man can do; when we depend upon prayer, we get what God can do."

To us today Jesus says, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the son" (John 14:13).

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Meditations for the Family Altar

Joel Njus

TOWARD THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Epistle: Hebrews 10:35-39 — **The Gospel: Luke 12:35-40**

Monday, December 7
GOD SHOWS HIS LOVE
Read Romans 5:1-21

God shows his love for us in that we were yet sinners Christ died for

ist's death on the cross is often d in relation to God's wrath upon ut Paul here connects the cross God's love. The cross shows us things: it shows us the terribleness the wages of sin which is death, ath of God upon sin, and the wick- of the human heart which made n atonement necessary. But most he cross shows us God's love for e love of God is the eternal rea- hy Jesus died on Calvary. Jesus nt by God, and He was sent for ecific purpose. Because God willed Jesus voluntarily laid down His our place. As Jesus approaches the e comes back again and again to t: His death on the cross is the God. We, too, need again and o come back to the basic thing the nows: God's love for us. Love, not explains the events of Good Fri-

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Tuesday, December 8
WE SHOW OUR GRATITUDE
Read Romans 8:1-18

So then, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

We are under no obligation to the flesh to live according to the flesh. If we were to ask the question, what has living according to the flesh ever brought to us, we would have to answer: Only pain and death. Just as a slave who has been set free is under no obligation to his former master, so, too, we are under no obligation to satan and the kingdom he controls.

Are we then debtors? Yes, we are. We are debtors in relation to God. We are "obligated people" because we have received a new spiritual life. A new life means a new living. If we are of the Spirit, we ought to mind the things of the Spirit. And this not so much in the sense of "duty" as "gratitude." When our lives become "thank You" to God, then we are walking in newness of life.

Dear God, receive me as Thy slave to serve Thee now and forever. Amen.

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Wednesday, December 9
PRACTICE HOSPITALITY
Read Romans 12:1-21

Contribute to the needs of the saints, practice hospitality.

In the early Church, the practice of hospitality seems to have received more attention than in our day. Paul urges the Christians to open their homes to the stranger and the poor, and to treat them with consideration and kindness without expecting any kind of payment. So often our entertaining is limited to those we know. And some homes are so inhospitable, their doors never open to welcome others. Hospitality must be practiced. Strangers will pass by the door if we are not on hand to invite them in. If you know of a new family in your community, a lonely person, or perhaps a long-time neighbor whom you have never had in your home, let that be a call to you to practice hospitality. One of the most gracious forms of sharing is the sharing of your home with others. It is also one of the most blessed. A telephone call today could translate this verse from Scripture into a living reality in your home.

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Thursday, December 10
WITH FAILINGS OF OTHERS
Read Romans 15:1-13

who are strong ought to bear with lings of the weak, and not to urselves; let each of us please his r for his good, to edify him.

in society generally, we recognize nciple that the strong have a re- ility to the weak. For a healthy become impatient with a sick man the sick man is not able to do things the healthy man is able to uld not make much sense. In the realm, there are also the weak strong. And the strong have a esponsibility in two realms: first, become impatient with the fail- the weak, and second, to seek up the sickly one into a state h. Lack of patience with others, of criticism, and a hostile atti- wards others is a sign of spiritual s. When we remember this, we ared to bear with such failings in of love and seek to make use of portunity to strengthen them for

Friday, December 11
LOVE NEVER ENDS
Read I Corinthians 13:1-13

Love never ends; as for prophecy, it will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away.

The gifts God gives to the Church may vary in relation to time and conditions. The gift of tongues that was so much in evidence in the church in Corinth no doubt had a purpose in that particular day and setting. Even prophecy and knowledge are gifts that God gives to His Church, operating within the framework of time. When the Church is in glory, such gifts will no longer be needed. But there is one gift which was not so highly regarded in Corinth which Paul says is the most important of all—the gift of love. For love never ends. In all eternity, the children of God will live in love, for God is love. This gift of love is one that is open to all. Maybe you are not able to preach—but you can love. Maybe you cannot speak in tongues—but you can love. Envy not others their gifts, but use that greatest of all gifts—love.

Saturday, December 12
CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALS
Read I Corinthians 15:1-22

For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins . . . that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures. . . .

Here is stated in brief the Gospel which Paul had preached to the Corinthians and which they had received in faith. In his letter Paul has spoken of many complex problems which had arisen in the life of the congregation. Now, as he is about to bring this letter to a close, he wants to draw their attention to the very foundation upon which their faith rests. The truth that Jesus died for their sins, was buried, and arose again on the third day is the very heart of their faith. If they compromise any of these basic truths, they will have turned their backs on the Gospel. There is to be absolutely no tampering with these doctrines. For to deny the cross of the resurrection is not only to err in the faith, but to deny the faith. They are the fundamentals of Christianity.

Here and There on the Christian Front

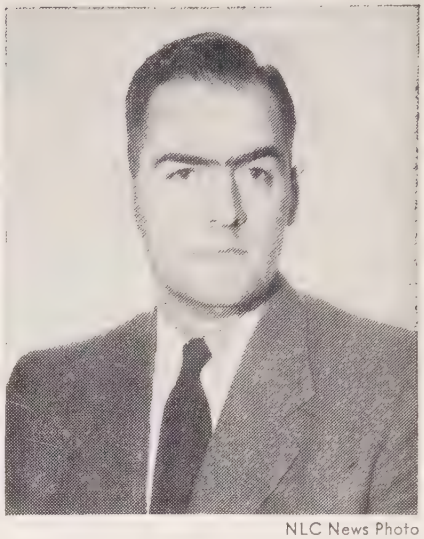
Edited by Raymond M. C

INDIA MISSIONARIES ASSURED BY GOVERNMENT

Last April statements were made in the Parliament of India which gave the government's position toward evangelism as limiting it to Indian citizens, with foreign missionaries to confine themselves to medical, educational, and social work. Assurance has been given that the government imposes no restriction on the purely religious and welfare activity of such missionaries by Rajkumari Amrit Kaur, minister of Health and the only Christian member of the Cabinet.

Speaking to a plenary session of an International Leprosy Conference he said, "The only thing the government of India desires is that foreign missionaries keep themselves entirely aloof from political propaganda and carry out only social welfare and religious work." Similar assurances were given a few days earlier by Premier Nehru to Methodist Bishop J. Wascom Pickett, who had expressed to Nehru the misgivings foreign mission workers in India have felt for some months.

NEW NLC SECRETARY



NLC News Photo

The Division of American Missions of the National Lutheran Council has named as its secretary of urban church planning the Rev. Walter Kloetzli, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Paramus, N. J. In his new post, which he will assume on January 1, 1954, his particular concern will be the problems of the downtown church in metropolitan centers. Mr. Kloetzli was ordained in 1950, at that time joining the staff of the Board of American Missions of the United Lutheran Church of America.

CATTLE FOR IRAN RELIEF

RNS Photo

The Rev. Arwood J. Sterrett of the Evangelical and Reformed Church presides over dedication ceremonies at a farm near Delaware, Ohio, for four purebred Brown Swiss cattle contributed by midwest farm and church groups to improve milk and beef production in Iran. The animals were collected under the auspices of the Heifer Project of New Windsor, Md., in which eight Christian service groups co-operate. They were a part of a shipment of 40 bulls and ten heifers which the Heifer Project is sending to Iran.

PRESBYTERIAN STATEMENT CHALLENGED

The recent statement by the Ger Council of the Presbyterian Churc the U. S. A. which warned that occupation with Communism m lead the nation into Fascism has sti some sharp response. Dr. Daniel Poling, editor of the *Christian He* called the statement a distinct service to the Christian Church, l estantism, and freedom. He ad "The statement draws front page plause from the Communist *D Worker* which identified it as an tack upon duly constituted agencie the Federal Government and as a laration of liberty."

Criticism of the statement was expressed by Herbert A. Philbr former member of the Comm party, in addressing a meeting of l estant pastors and laymen in York, especially with the statem appeal for the conference metho be used in settling disputes with mies of the United States. Mr. brick told his audience that "the ch has the most important task of group in the country in the stru against Communism." "You are in front line trenches, you are the m target of the Communist party," said.

PROTESTANTS LOSING STRENGTH IN CITIES

Protestants are losing strength many parts of American cities, acc ing to Dr. Truman B. Douglas o Congregational Christian Board Home Missions. Pointing out America has an urban culture which many of the nation's most g young people find their way, he served, "If we lose the cities, we lose the nation."

Dr. Douglas spoke at the fifth versary of the founding of East lem Protestant parish, an interden national and interracial parish in York's most crowded tenement dis He emphasized that "the chu must have new inventiveness an

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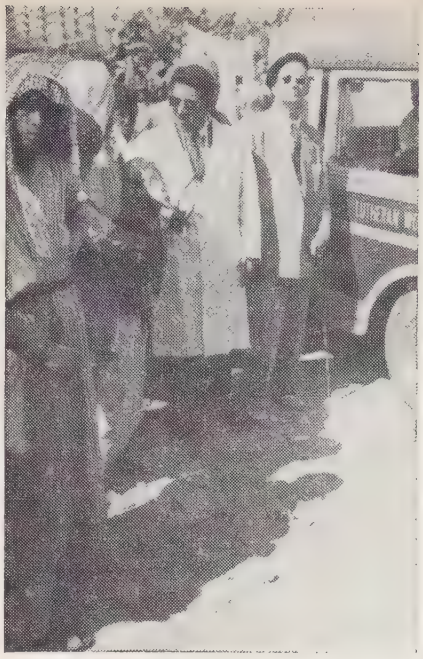
LWF HELP AT KIBYA



LWF Photo

Dr. Edwin Moll (in beret) stands beside one of the LWF station wagons which rushed relief supplies to Kibya in Jordan after the village had been raided by Israeli forces on October 14. At his side is Dr. George Farah, head of the LWF's medical department, who treated many of the wounded. Fifty-three persons were killed, according to the U.N. report on the incident, with many others injured. Dr. Moll reported that for several days the Lutheran World Federation was the only relief organization on the scene.

and other circles of Washington life that this city shall redeem itself before God and man, as a new hope of the world, politically and spiritually."

WORTHY OF NOTE . . .

Plans for Baptist youth conferences in seven European countries during the coming year were made at a meeting of Baptist youth leaders in Stockholm, as the "best way to effect increased contact in the international sphere." . . . The cornerstone of the church which will serve the faculty and student body of International Christian University in Japan was set in place by the president of the university at a recent ceremony. It is being financed by Protestants in Iowa, who have raised $70,000 of a $100,000 goal. . . . The Vicariate Apostolic of Sweden has been elevated by Pope Pius XII to a diocese with Stockholm as the See city, making this the third Roman Catholic diocese established in Scandinavia since last May. . . . New Jersey voters approved by 2½ to 1 a constitutional amendment to legalize bingo and raffles sponsored by religious, charitable, veterans, civic, and similar organizations. Opposing sides were spearheaded by Roman Catholic and Protestant church forces.

SERVICES HELD AT ROLLER RINK

RNS Photo

The Rev. Ralph J. Montanus, blind pastor of the Gospel Association for the Blind, College Point, N. Y., strums his guitar to entertain sightless children attending a roller skating derby at the Hillside Rollerdrome in Richmond Hill. The derby, sponsored by Protestant laymen and clergymen, is held monthly to give young people an evening of recreation under religious auspices. A service of worship, conducted each month by a different minister, is held half-way through the skating session.

Lutheran Vespers

(Continued from page 1098)

Sioux Falls, where in a special radio studio he will make transcriptions for radio release. The ringing of the bells, the rich tones of an organ playing "Abide With Me," hymns sung by one of our college or academy choirs, a Christ-centered soul-searching sermon, a closing song and benediction—a touching benediction for the close of the Sabbath Day—these tell why *Lutheran Vespers* has been richly blessed by God.

The future? So much depends upon the listeners. The Division of Evangelism pays Pastor Gregerson's salary but is entirely dependent upon the listening audience to pay all broadcast costs. Many believe *Luth Vespers* to be the future "Lutheran Hour of Ame and of the world. Backed by a great army of pra Christians with a determination to hurl themselves their prayers, *Lutheran Vespers* will quickly bec national and international in scope. As Pastor Gr son frequently says, "The motto of *Lutheran Vesp* 'The Salvation of Souls, Our Concern.' I have a concern not only for the saved but also for those have not as yet found Christ. That is my reason carrying on *Lutheran Vespers*. Gladness comes into hear when God permits me to tell of His lov Christ."

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PERSONS

Funeral services for **the Rev. Martin B. Quill** (pastor 1935-53 of the Madison-Lincoln parish near Decorah, Iowa), who died Oct. 20, were held Oct. 23 at First Lutheran Church in Decorah. Pastors R. A. Ofstedal and B. A. Johnson officiated.

Mrs. T. A. Haakensen, Cadillac, Sask., a charter member of South Immanuel Church of the Admiral parish, died Oct. 19.

The Rev. T. C. Thorson completed Nov. 22 twenty-five years of service as the pastor of Bethany Church, Chicago. The anniversary sermon was preached by the Rev. O. G. Birkeland, Whitehall, Wis.

Dr. E. B. Steen, who on Nov. 8 was installed as pastor of Trinity Church, Madison, Wis., concluded his seven-year ministry in Trinity Church, Parkland, Wash., Sunday evening, Oct. 25, by dedicating a new Reuter pipe organ in the chapel of the parish house in Parkland. Earlier in the day he had preached his farewell sermons. In the afternoon the congregation gave the Steen family a farewell reception, presenting them with generous gifts.

The Rev. Orlando Ingvoldstad, Jr., navy chaplain (Lt. Com.), has recently been awarded the Purple Heart medal, the Bronze Star medal, and the Distinguished Unit Citation, the last named honor for the second time. The Bronze Star medal has also been awarded **Chaplain (Capt.) Percival C. Lovseth.**

Donald E. Ausland, student at Luther Theological Seminary, St. Paul, has the distinction of being the first person appointed a Reserve commissioned officer of the U. S. Army in the grade of second lieutenant, assigned to Chaplains' Branch.

The Rev. Harry R. Baker, Columbia Falls, Montana has accepted a call to Trinity Church, West Hempstead on Long Island, New York.

The Rev. E. A. Bersagel, pastor of Midway parish, Irene, S. Dak., has accepted a call to the Estelline-Bruce parish, Estelline, S. Dak., and will move there about Jan. 15.

The Rev. Olaf L. Grefthen, pastor of Lake View Church, Chicago, Ill., since 1933, passed away Nov. 14, in his 78th year. Obituary later.

The Rev. K. O. Waage, pastor at Noonan, N. Dak., since 1927, died Nov. 12, 58 years of age. Obituary notice will appear later.

The Rev. L. L. Masted is temporarily serving the Bloom Prairie parish, Toronto, S. Dak.

The Rev. Virgil F. Bjerke, formerly of Beresford, S. Dak., was installed as pastor of Our Saviour's Church, Long Beach, Calif., Nov. 1 by District President Falde. Three days earlier the congregation held a reception for its pastor and his family. Among speakers was the former pastor o church, the Rev. A. M. Nelson, of Glendale, Calif.

The Rev. S. Anker Goli, dea a Lutheran Bible school in Be Norway, is at present visiting in country, accompanied by his Sunday forenoon, Nov. 15, he pre at the Norwegian Memorial Ch Minneapolis. During their stay in neapolis the visitors from Norway guests at the home of Dr. and J. A. Aasgaard.

DISTRICTS

Southern Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn. Suburban Knoll Church, parish of the Re R. Reitan, received 108 new mer Nov. 15. Of these 64 are comr cant members (21 of them were firmed as adults) and 44 children total membership of the church numbers 1,000.

Frost, Minn. Bethany congreg parish of the Rev. G. O. Wang had its remodeled church rededi Sunday evening, Nov. 8, by Dr.

NEW TEXAS CONGREGATION TO BUILD CHURCH

The accompanying picture is of the architect's drawing of the new church building the Prince of Peace Church in Arlington, Texas, proposes to erect. This is a very congregation. Its pastor is the Rev. C. E. Jorstad.

rtson, president of the Southern esota District. As the day was th anniversary of the founding of urch, there were special services arlier in the day. The Rev. J. ohnson, Maple Plain, Minn., ed at the forenoon services. The ing spoke at the afternoon serv- he Rev. M. E. Ulring (Bethany 1944-47); Pastors N. Klungtvedt elmer Almlie, sons of the con- ion; Mrs. Hannah Okerlund e late husband served the church 4); H. L. Almlie and Hilmar n; and the Rev. H. E. Jacobson. g the preceding week a number cial services were held in prepa- for the anniversary service; rs at these were Pastors C. M. n, Albert Mulberg, R. M. Olson, Conrad, Leonard Hinderaker, and lungtvedt.

rn Minnesota

lger, Minn. Laymen's Sunday was ed Oct. 18 by Our Redeemer's h in Badger at services to which her churches of the parish were d. At the morning service four n, each one representing one of ur congregations of the parish, At the afternoon service a ser- was preached by the Rev. Jacob asen of Roseau and greetings given by former pastors of the . Later the remodeled parsonage Badger parish was dedicated by v. C. L. Kalmoe, Mott, N. Dak., was pastor at Badger, 1946-51. present pastor is the Rev. V. G. om.

Central

hope, Iowa. Story City Circuit its annual convention in Our r's Church, parish of the Rev. Carlson. Speakers were: District ent Jordahl and Dr. J. W. Ylvis- president of Luther College.

x Falls, S. Dak. On Oct. 25 First ran Church, parish of Dr. A. N. ss, received 116 persons into ership.

Dakota

seth, N. Dak. Our Saviour's n, parish of the Rev. G. E. Un- celebrated its 50th anniversary 1. Guest speaker was the Rev. Weltzin, who served the parish 941 to 1946. Greetings were read hree other earlier parish pastors: Ylvisaker, Edw. Struxness, and d Aarestad.

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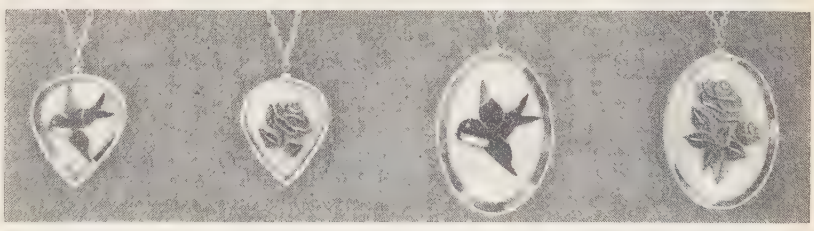

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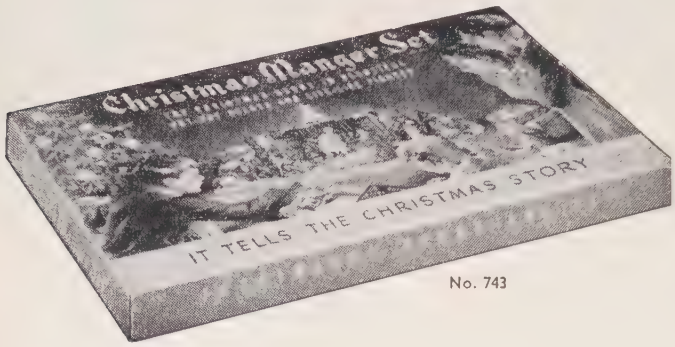

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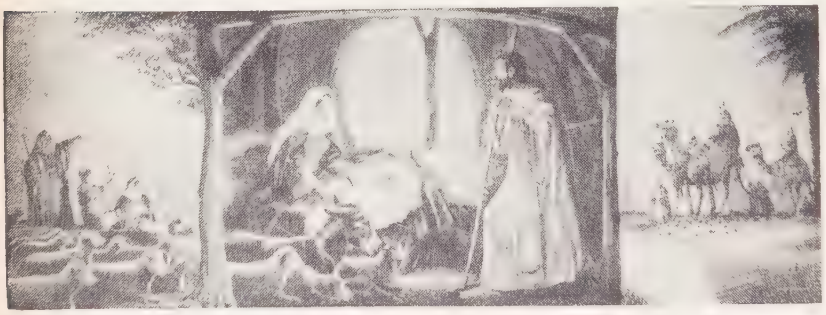

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South Dakota

Aberdeen, S. Dak. Bethl
Church, parish of the Rev. E. W.
vig, has purchased property on F
Ave. S. E. as a part of a futur
pansion program. The purchase p
$13,500.

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Midway parish, served by the Re
A. Bersagel, celebrated its 50th
versary Oct. 4-5. Among the spe
were the Rev. A. L. Abraha
Yankton, and three former pasto
the congregation: Peder Nordsl
O. M. Odland, and V. C. Hougen
three pastors who in earlier
served it as student pastors: I
Natwick, Philip Westby, and H
Reitz; also the Rev. Kenneth
topherson, a son of the congreg

Rocky Mountain

Hogeland, Montana. The Hog
Turner parish recently collected,
the leadership of Herman Klind
and B. E. Johnson, a carload co
ing more than 1,500 bushels of
protein wheat, to be sent for the
of refugees in the Near East.

ANNUAL MEETING OF WELFARE SOCIETY HELD

Lutheran Welfare Society of
consin held its 17th annual me
Oct. 21 at Bethel Church in Ma
The following officers of the
were elected: The Rev. Paul P
(ALC), Milwaukee, president; C.
ert Olson (Aug.), Milwaukee,
vice-president; Mrs. Geo. Joh
(ULC), Appleton, second vice-
dent; the Rev. F. O. Sveom (I
La Crosse, secretary; and R
Schmidt (ALC), Clintonville, tr
er. The following ELC men
elected members of the Board: P
Lawrence Halvorson, Ariel Moll
and J. C. Stoltenberg, also L. M.
land, Viroqua, and T. J. Litsheim
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OBITUARIES

Dr. Paul K. Cesander

Dr. Paul K. Cesander, past pre
of the South Dakota District Br
hood and an esteemed member of
lehem Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Nov. 6, in his 64th year. Funeral
ices took place Nov. 9 at Bethl
Church, Pastors E. W. Nervig
A. E. Moe officiating. Dr. Ces
was born Feb. 9, 1890, at St. C
Ill. His undergraduate work was
at Gustavus Adolphus College an

rsity of Minnesota; his master's octor's degrees were obtained at niversity of Iowa. Since 1933 he rofessor of psychology and edu- at the State Teacher's College erdeen. From 1943 to 1951 he as president of the Brotherhood South Dakota District, during time he organized the district rhood's first annual retreat. He his congregation in various ca- s, and organized the Lutheran nts Association, local and region- rly this year he was presented Membership in the ELC Broth- l. He is survived by his wife, a nd two daughters.

The Rev. John S. Sunde

Rev. John S. Sunde, Christine, .k., died Oct. 6, in his 65th year. is born Jan. 31, 1889, at Hayfield, Graduated from St. Olaf Col- 12 and from the United Church ary, St. Paul, in 1915. From to 1920 he did post graduate at Luther Theological Seminary ing the BD degree. He served llowing parishes: Webster, N. 1915-18; Fargo, N. Dak., (sup- 1918; Zahl, N. Dak., 1918-19; Rockford, N. Dak., 1920-21; Im- l, St. Paul, Minn., 1921-24; ille, N. Dak., 1924-30; and ine and Hickson, N. Dak., since Member of the N. Dak. Home n Committee since 1947. Among rvivors are his wife, nee Aalga re, a son and a daughter.

The Rev. M. B. Quill

Rev. Martin B. Quill, who late- minated his pastorate in the Madi- ncoln parish near Decorah, Iowa, moved to Decorah, passed away 0, in his 69th year. He was born arns County, Minnesota, Feb. 20, Graduated from Luther College 1 and from Luther Seminary in ul in 1914. Served the following es: Waco, Texas, 1914-35, and ove mentioned Madison-Lincoln 1935-53. From 1917 to 1918 he as camp pastor at Mc Arthur, In 1914 he married Miss Nora g, who survives him together daughter, and three sons. Their David is pastor at Glenwood, and another son, Roy, is a stu- t Luther Theological Seminary, l.

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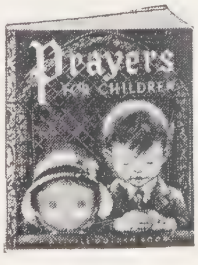

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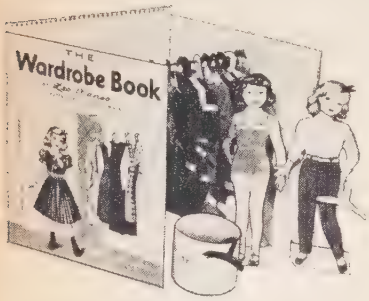

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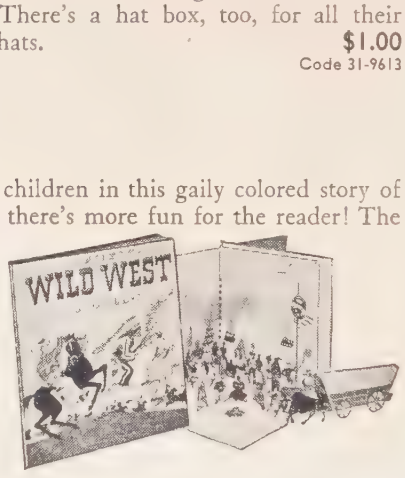

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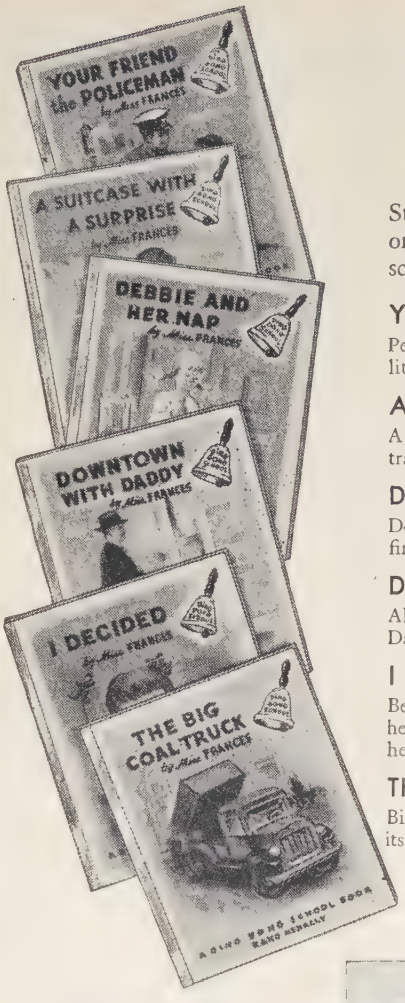

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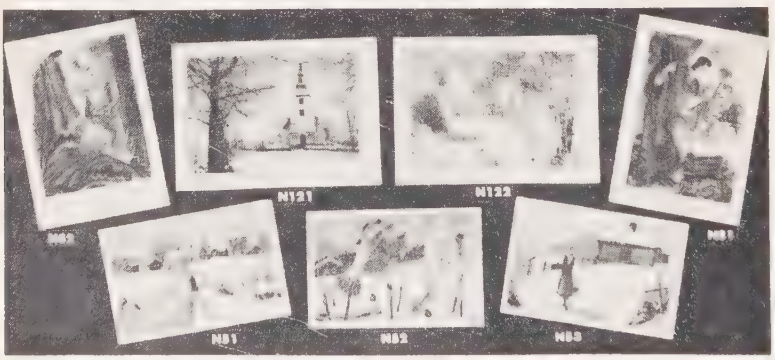

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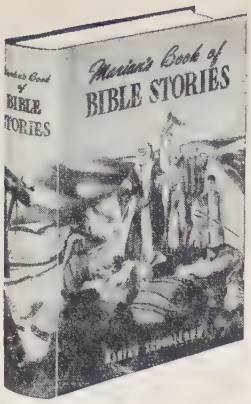

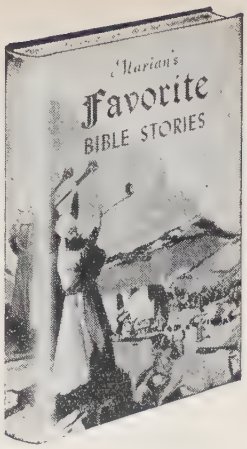

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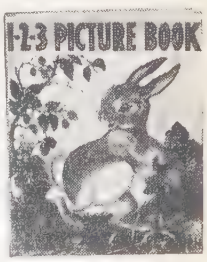

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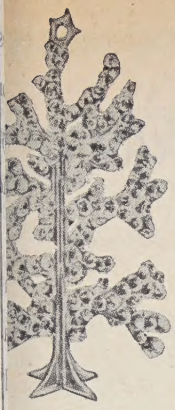

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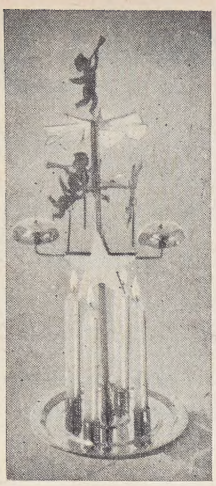

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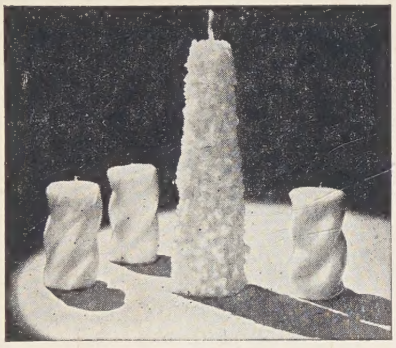

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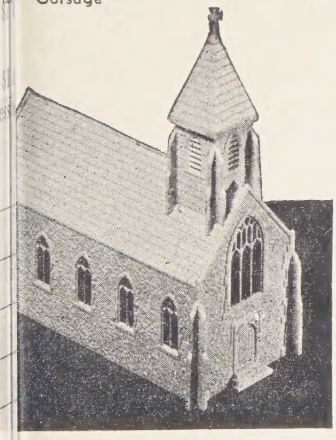

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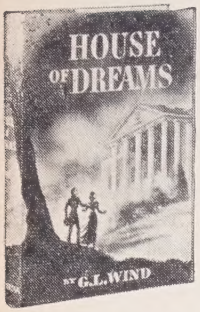

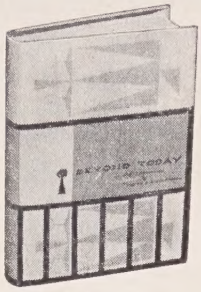

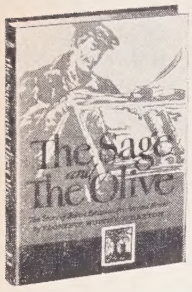

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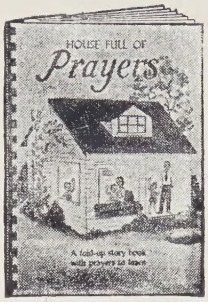

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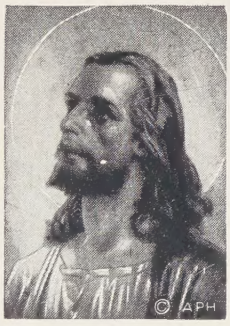

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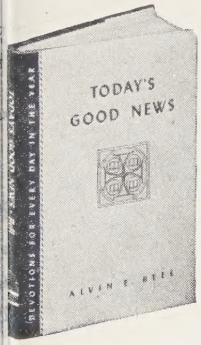

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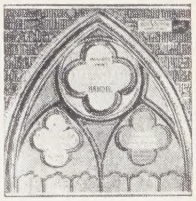

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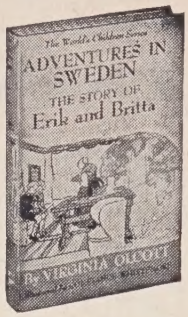

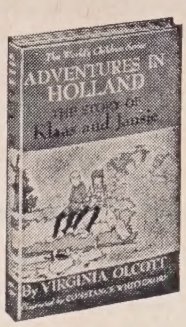

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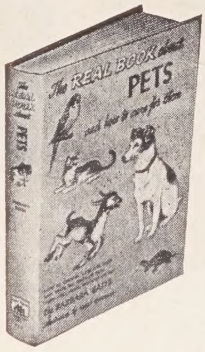

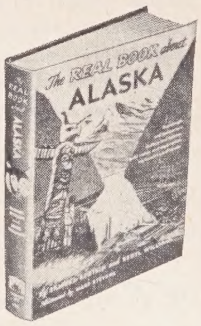

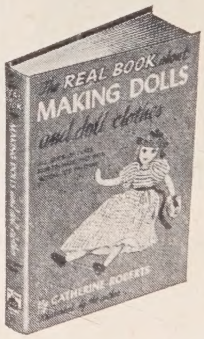

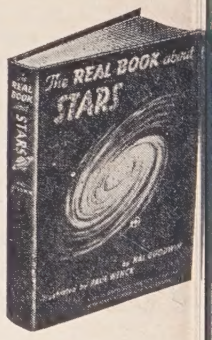

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